

PROTECTING AND PROMOTING THE AMERICAN DREAM

Protecting Home Buyers

- ◆ I have continued to lead efforts to protect homeowners from predatory lending practices. I introduced a bill modeled on North Carolina's landmark anti-predatory lending law which seeks to limit indefensible up-front fees that rob vulnerable consumers of the equity in their homes. The bill passed the House in November by a bipartisan vote of 291-127.
- ◆ During the next few years, 2.2 million American families will be at risk of foreclosure. We must make sure this never happens again.



Making College More Affordable for Everyone

- ◆ One of my first votes in the new Congress was to support the single largest investment in college financial assistance since the GI bill in 1944. The bill would increase the Pell Grant by \$1,090 over five years; forgive loans for graduates who provide 10 years of public service; and cut student loan interest rates in half.

Raising the Minimum Wage

- ◆ People who work every day should not live in poverty. Congress passed the first increase in the federal minimum wage in more than a decade with my strong support. The bill will increase the minimum wage by \$2.10 over the next three years, increasing annual pay for nearly 13 million workers by \$4,400 a year by 2009.

HOLDING WASHINGTON ACCOUNTABLE

Fighting corruption and secrecy in Washington has been a top priority in my new role as Chairman of the Investigations and Oversight Subcommittee on the U.S. House Committee on Science and Technology. You deserve to have your tax dollars spent wisely.

Revealing Airline Safety Secrets

- ◆ NASA spent more than \$11 million dollars on a survey of airline pilots to identify aviation safety problems. The survey found that runway incidents and mechanical failures occurred at a much higher rate than government estimates. But NASA withheld the survey results because it would undermine public confidence in the airlines and hurt airline profits. After I wrote a letter to NASA's administrator, held a hearing, and grilled NASA officials, NASA agreed to release the results of the survey.

Ending a \$63 Million Boondoggle for Taxpayers

- ◆ Congress spent more than \$63 million in earmarks on an experimental aircraft that has never flown more than a few feet and that the Pentagon doesn't want or need. After a highly publicized public hearing, congressional supporters of the flawed aircraft failed this year to win further earmarks for the plane.



Chairman Miller chairing an Investigation and Oversight Subcommittee hearing on the DP-2 aircraft.

TAKING CARE OF THOSE WHO PROTECT US



I'll work to ensure our troops are given the best training and equipment so they can accomplish their mission when we send them into harm's way. We need to take care of them once they return home by providing health care and educational opportunities that are worthy of the sacrifice they make for our country.

Protecting Our Soldiers on the Frontlines

- ◆ Supported \$4.1 billion in funding for better protected armored vehicles, many of which will be made here in North Carolina, which could reduce casualties from deadly roadside bombs by as much as 80 percent.
- ◆ Supported a \$1 billion fund to help the Department of Defense rapidly address equipment needs.

Supporting Our Troops once they're Home

- ◆ Voted to provide more than \$500 million more than the President Bush's request for military family support, including childcare centers, education programs and the family advocacy program to support military families.



Providing Better Healthcare for All Veterans

- ◆ Supported the largest veterans' funding increase in the 77-year history of the Veterans Administration, a 6.6 Billion increase in the 2008 fiscal year budget - 3.7 billion over the President's budget.
- ◆ Addressed improvements of care for our wounded soldiers at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and other facilities around the world by passing the Wounded Warriors Act.

I'm fighting to make Washington work for YOUR INTERESTS and not SPECIAL INTERESTS.

WORKING FOR FAMILIES AT HOME

Mrs. Barber is an 80 year old widow from Reidsville. Since her husband died in January of 2007, Mrs. Barber has been living on \$433 in Social Security. She applied for her VA widow's pension in January, but by the end of September had received two letters apologizing for the delay, but no check. My office started helping in October. Within weeks Mrs. Barber received a check for \$3,886 for back payments. The monthly widow's benefit of \$466 and her social security now brings her total income to \$899 a month. That's hardly enough to live comfortably, but it gives her what she is rightfully due.



Ms. Donna Brown from Guilford County was having trouble securing Social Security Disability Insurance benefits after having a stroke. Facing a possible twenty month wait, Ms. Brown contacted our office for assistance. Her growing medical problems led to Ms. Brown becoming homeless, but she was closer to getting approval for her claim. However, with no permanent address and no money to open a bank account the payment center could not send Ms. Brown what she was due in back payments. My office worked with the Greensboro Social Security office to provide an emergency check and located an advocate from a local organization to provide transportation assistance. Ms. Brown was able to open a bank account and find a small, affordable efficiency apartment.

NEED HELP WITH A FEDERAL AGENCY?

Our Constituent Services Representatives can work with you on various problems with a government agency or program including IRS, Veterans, Social Security, SBA, Passports, and Department of Homeland Security. Please call the Raleigh or Greensboro office to make an appointment or we can handle your case by telephone. All cases require an initial release form be completed before staff can work for you.



Congressman Miller visits with Mrs. Alice Cunningham, a homebound oxygen patient, in Semora. The visit was part of a tour regarding oxygen usage and Medicare coverage issues.

I am also interested in hearing your views on issues. You can always contact my office using any of the contact information listed below. Due to heightened security measures in Washington, it can take regular mail several weeks to reach the Capitol.

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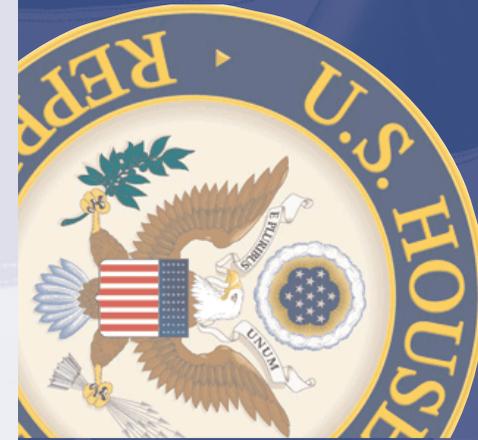
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